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A USELESS WEAPON,
AN UNFORSEEN EVENT.

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CHAPTER 21: ILLUSION

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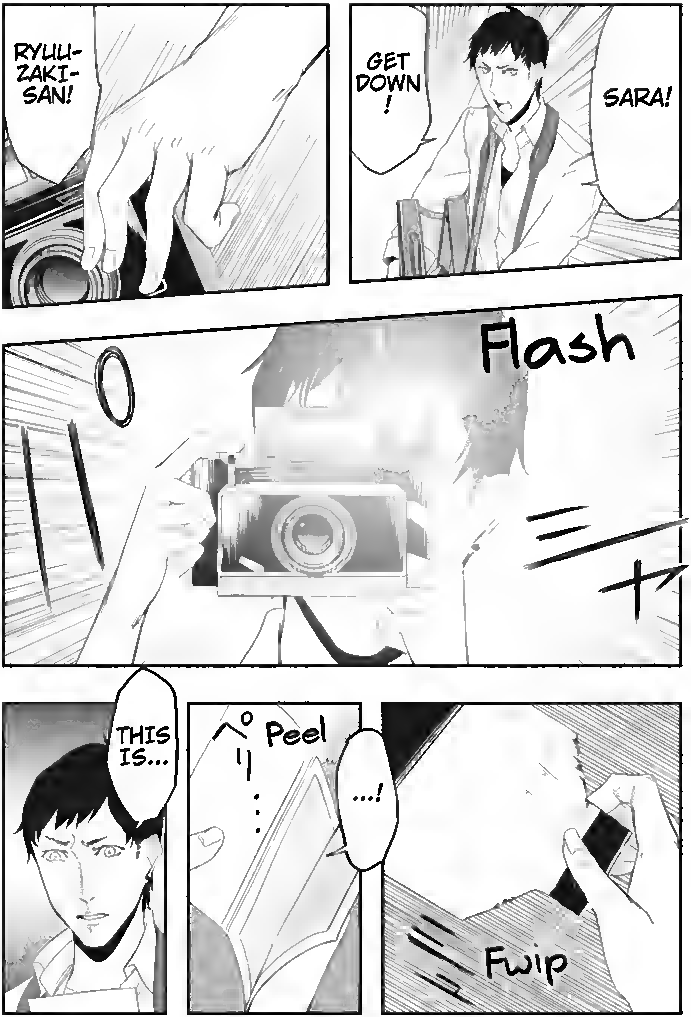
WHY ...?
krsh
krsh
krsh
WHAT'S ...
SARA!
COME ON!
KILL THEM!

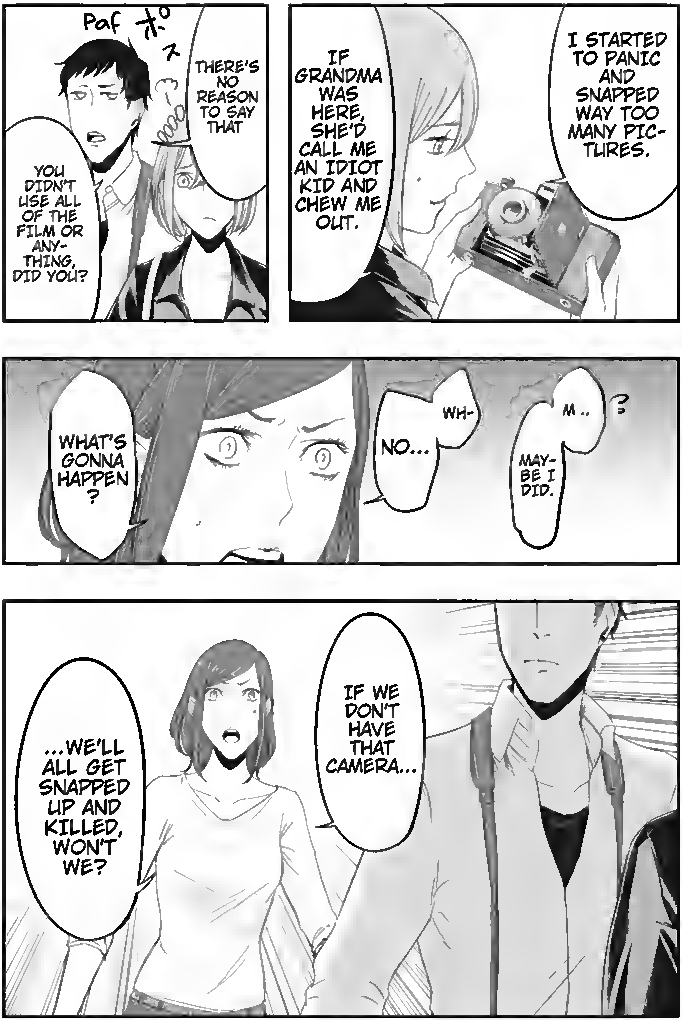
WHY ISN'T IT WORK-ING ...?!
Chk
Clk
Plik
Clunk
Krsh
Krshk
Shk
Krsh
ODD ...


RYUU-ZAKI-SAN!
GET DOWN!
SARA!
Flash
THIS IS...
Peel
...!
Fwip

THEY'RE NOT EVIL SPIR-ITS!
THAT'S AMA-NUMA AND TAKA-KURA!!
WHAT?!
IN THAT CASE...
Shf
NO WAY!

SHINE
THE SPIRIT STONE FLASH-LIGHT!
YOU HAD THAT, SARA?
FWSH
WHAT THE HECK?!
UGH! THAT'S BRIGHT!

...THE NECRO-MANCER FOOLED ME COM-PLETELY.
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE IT...
HUH?
WHA?
What?!
HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT, RYUU-ZAKI...?
YOU GUYS LOOKED JUST LIKE TERRIFY-ING EVIL SPIRITS TO US.
YOU TWO WERE PART OF THE NECRO-MAN-CER'S TRAP.
WHAT'S EVEN GOIN' ON?
HUH?
WHAT ?
Dooooooom
HUHH ...?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THERE'S NO REASON TO SAY THAT
YOU DIDN'T USE ALL OF THE FILM OR ANY-THING, DID YOU?
I STARTED TO PANIC AND SNAPPED WAY TOO MANY PIC-TURES.
IF GRANDMA WAS HERE, SHE'D CALL ME AN IDIOT KID AND CHEW ME OUT.
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN ?
NO...
WH-
M .. ?
MAY-BE I DID.
...WE'LL ALL GET SNAPPED UP AND KILLED, WON'T WE?
IF WE DON'T HAVE THAT CAMERA...

I STILL HAVE ONE PACK LEFT.
IF I CAN BE CAREFUL ABOUT HOW I USE IT, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET TO THE PHOTO-GRAPHY CLUB ROOM.
AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A LOT OF FILM AND FLASHES THERE.
WILL WE EVEN BE ABLE TO GET TO THE CLUB ROOM, THOUGH?
I MEAN, I KNOW YOU WENT HERE WHEN YOU WERE A KID, BUT...
DO YOU EVEN REMEMBER WHERE THE CLUB ROOM ACTUALLY IS?
THAT VOICE...
CREAK
OHH...

PRO-FES-SOR KOU-TARI!
HAZA-WA-SAN!

WE FI-NALLY FOUND THEM!
IT'S THEM!

WE FINALLY MET BACK UP!
MAN, THAT WAS SCARY.

HEY, GLAD YOU'RE BOTH OKAY!

TSU-GUMI!
IT WAS ALL THANKS TO THESE TWINS.
MOZU!
SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU BEING ALONE.
GREAT-GRAND MOTHER SENT US...
YOU GIRLS ARE HERE TOO.
EVEN IF WE'RE RUNNIN' OUT OF FILM, THIS IS PRETTY HEARTENING, RIGHT?
THIS EVERY-BODY NOW?
ANY-HOW.

WHAT?!
RUNNING OUT?
IF WE RUN OUT, WE CAN'T DESTROY THE EVIL SPIRITS, CAN WE?!
KOUTARI-SENSEI.
I'M NOT DESTROYING THEM.
Ahem
I'M PURIFYING THEM AND SETTING THEIR SOULS TO REST.
WELL.
I MEAN. WHICHEVER.
.....
ANYWAY, ARE WE JUST WAITING FOR THEM TO COME AND GET US NOW?

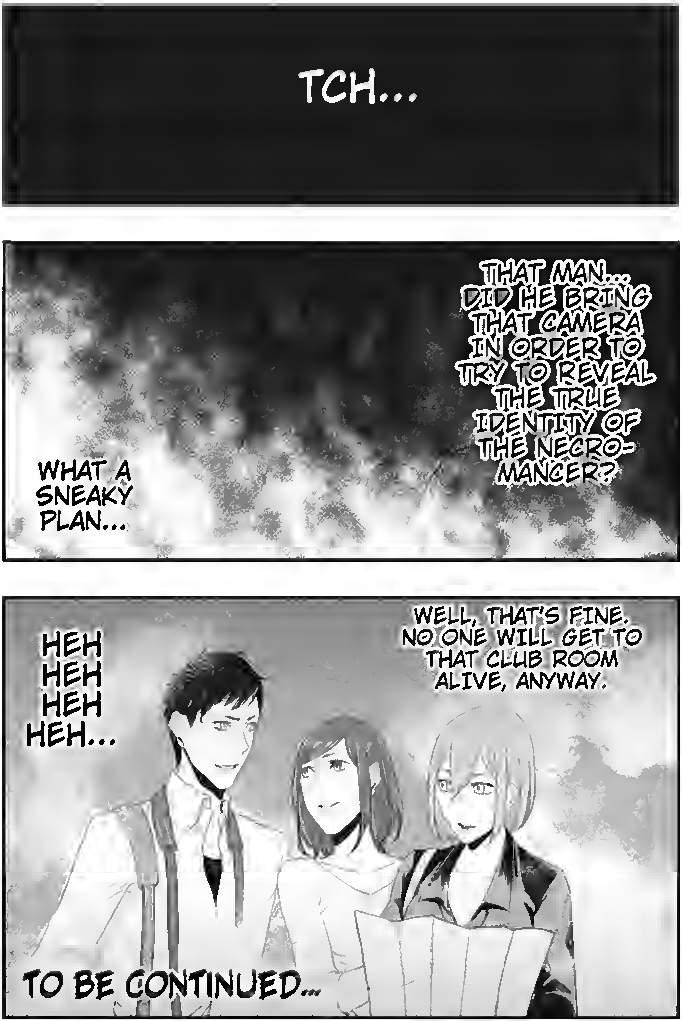
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO GET THE FILM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IF ONLY WE KNEW EXACTLY WHERE THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WAS...
...AND THE BEST ROUTE TO IT.
AH...
I SEE.
I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
SO I PICKED THIS UP.
Fwip
A MAP OF THE SCHOOL?
THAT IT IS.
WITH THIS, WE CAN GET BY WITHOUT GETTING LOST.
AND ALL THOSE KEYS IN THE 12 CARDINAL DIRECTIONS OR WHATEVER CAN BE FOUND NO PROBLEM!
THIS IS GOOD.
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S FIGURE OUT A ROUTE AND GET MOVING, EVERYBODY!

THE SPIRITS WILL SHOW YOU MANY ILLU-SIONS.
THEY'RE DEFIN-ITELY GOING TO TRY TO STOP US.
THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO.
BUT BE CAREFUL EVERY-ONE.
IN ORDER TO GET PAST THIS OBSTA-CLE, WE HAVE TO SHOW NO FEAR.
ILLU-SIONS ...

IF WE'RE AFRAID ...
...WE'LL BE EASILY FOOLED.
AND IF YOU'RE SWALLOWED UP BY AN ILLUSION, YOU WILL BE POSSESSED BY MANY DARK SPIRITS ...
AND KILLED.
...
NO WAY!
I...
I CAN'T DO IT!
I'LL STAY HERE!

WHAT?
BUT SOON THIS PLACE WILL BE INFESTED BY SPIRITS.
DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
...WAS THE PLACE WHERE THE CURSE ON THIS SCHOOL FIRST STARTED.
SOME-THING MAY STILL BE HERE.
IT'S POSSI-BLE THAT THIS ROOM, 3-2...
EVEN SARA THE SHADOW PRIEST-ESS WAS TAKEN IN BY THE ILLU-SIONS...
SHF
ANYWAY, I'LL KEEP MY CAMERA AT THE READY.
....

Shk
IF WE CAN MAKE IT SAFELY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB ROOM...
Shk
...THERE MIGHT BE SOME PHOTOGRAPHICAL DEVELOPMENT TOOLS STILL THERE.
Shk
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT I MANAGE TO SHOOT.


TCH...
THAT MAN... DID HE BRING THAT CAMERA IN ORDER TO TRY TO REVEAL THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE NECRO-MANCER?
WHAT A SNEAKY PLAN...
WELL, THAT'S FINE. NO ONE WILL GET TO THAT CLUB ROOM ALIVE, ANYWAY.
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
TO BE CONTINUED...